(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since received the Draft of the modified Crop Insurance Scheme from the core group; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of the Government on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Commission to DMS Dealers

2643. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since when the dealers/depot agent's commissions has not been revised by Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) whether Government are aware that Delhi Milk Scheme is paying very negligible commission to the dealers/ depot agents which is the roof cause of malpractices being adopted by agents; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the commissison of the depot agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The dealers/ Depot Agents commissions were last revised in 1992.

(b) and (c) There has been no increase in the sale price of milk sold by DMS since 1992. There are allegations of malpractices in the sale of DMS milk form time to time. However, there are no complaints to suggest that the cause of alleged malpractice is due to low commission to the dealer/agent against which actions are initiated by the DMS.

Development of DMS

2644. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided by Government under plan/non-plan heads for development of Delhi Milk Scheme and utilisation thereof, during the current financial year, i.e. 1998-99;

(b) whether Government are aware that fund for the renovation of plant is negligible due to which plant and machinery has become totally non-functional;

(c) the steps taken to increase the allocation for year 1999-2000 and to utilise the unused funds under different heads allocated for 1998-99; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the conditions of Delhi Milk Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Funds provided to Delhi Milk Scheme under Plan & Non-Plan during 1998-99 are as follows:—

(Figures Rs. crores)

Plan	Non-Plan
1.0	162.00

Funds to the tune of Rs. 0.60 crores has been utilised under plan and to the tune of Rs. 161.20 crores has been utilised under non plan.

(b) Sufficient funds are provided for repairs/replacement of Plan & machinery Installed in DMS every year. DMS Plan is being repaired/replaced with latest equipment as and when required and is capable to supply Milk to the extent of its installed capacity.

(c) During the year 1999-2000 Rs. 80 crore has been proposed under Non-Plan for first six months (April 99 to Sept. 99). Allocation of funds under Plan for the year 1999-2000 is Rs. 1.00 crores only.

During 1998-99, Rs. 0.60 crores has been utilised under plan and Rs. 161.20 crores has been utilised under non plan.

(d) Continuous steps are being taken from time to time as per the requirement for the improvement of working efficiency of the DMS.

Running of Private Schools by Scientists of IARI

2645. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two scientists of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi are running a public school, Faith Academy, in Prasad Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether these Government officials have been officially allowed to work in the said school as Manager and Chairman of the Management Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Dr. A. V. N. Paul, National Fellow and Dr. D.V.K. Samuel, Senior Scientist working at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute are serving in the management of the school, Faith Academy which is run by a charitable registered society, called Christian Educational Society.

(b) Faith Academy is run by a charitable society for a social cause. Being members of the Christian minority, Dr. A.V.N. Paul and Dr. D.V.K. Samuel have been nominated by Christian Educational Society to serve as Honorary Manager and Honorary Chairman of the Managing Committee purely on honorary basis during their free time. As per rule 15(2) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, previous sanction is not required to take part in the registration or management (not involving the holding of an elective office) of a literary, scientific or charitable society or of a club or similar organisation.

Concessions to Punjab Farmers

2646. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concessions and assistance being made available to the farmers of the State of Punjab;

(b) the amount of such concessions and assistance made available during the last three years;

(c) whether Government, are considering to enhance this amount; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The amount of Central assistance provided to Punjab under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation during the last three years is given below:

(*Rs. in crore*)

Year	Amount released
1996-97	31.13
1997-98	25.39
1998-99 (upto 31.12.98)	20.57

Funds for the current year, i.e. 1999-2000 would be released on the basis of proposals received from the State, amount lying unspent out of earlier releases made, overall allocation of the Department, etc.

Production of Wheat

2647. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of total production of wheat this year;

(b) whether Government have made adequate arrangements for storage of wheat so that plenty does not become a problem;